

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme was included in the draft 9th Plan but it could not be retained due to financial constraints. At present, there is no approved Scheme for setting up of a Radio Station or TV Kendras at Mah boob Nagar.

Requisitioning the services of Modi Entertainment Network

2433. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan has requisitioned the services of Modi Entertainment Network to monitor the carriage of DD Channels by the Cable operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for requisitioning the services of private company;

(d) whether any payment has to be made for providing this service; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Prasar Bharati have intimated that with a view to ensuring distribution of good quality signal of Doordarshan channels through cable network throughout the territory of India and promotion and monitoring of some of its channels, Doordarshan has entered into an agreement with M/s. Modi Entertainment Network Ltd. This arrangement has been made as Doordarshan does not have adequate infrastructure to carry out the above task.

(d) and (e) As per the agreement, DD has to pay Rs. 16.66 lakhs per month to M/s Modi Entertainment Network for their services.